



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM

November 13, 2013

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)
FROM: Jeremy V. Criss, Agricultural Services Manager
Department of Economic Development
SUBJECT: Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Please be advised that the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at the Up County Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road Germantown in Room B at 7:00 p.m.**

The Draft agenda is on the next page.

The other attachments for our meeting will be posted on the Agricultural Services web site. Due to the County's paper reduction mandate, please print these attachments out and bring them with you to the meeting.

See you on Tuesday evening.

*Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If you need other services or aids to participate in this activity, please call 301-590-2810

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Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda – November 19, 2013

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from October 15, 2013. (See Attachment A.)
3. Remaining Agricultural Issues for the Zoning Rewrite ZTA 13-04. (See Attachment B.)
Council Public Hearing are scheduled for November 12 and 14, 2013. The Agricultural Advisory Committee has forwarded a letter outlining the remaining agricultural issues:

Accessory Uses to Farming, - importing agricultural products on the primary use site to conduct an accessory use.
Agricultural Vending-remove the restrictions at least 2 acres and 4 lanes of traffic.
Winery- allowed events that should include weddings- clarification on types of events.
4. AAC Response letter to Chancellor William Kirwan UM System-Extension Resources for the Agronomy Educator Position (See Attachment C.)
5. Grand Opening-Rock Hill Orchard-Woodbourne Creamery-November 18, 2013@11:30
(See Attachment D.)
7. Bill 27-13 Human Rights and Civil Liberties-County Minimum Wage-Dollar Amount-Public Hearing with HHS Committee October 24, 2013. The HHS Committee scheduled a work session on November 21, 2013.
8. Farming at Metro's Edge Conference-Final Report. Craig Rice-In line to be the President for 2014 suggested a Full Council Work Session after the holidays to discuss the recommendations in the report. Steve Silverman is considering three topics for the CE to comment on: UM-Extension staffing, Zoning for ZTA13-04, and Finance laws for farm LLC transfers.
9. DED-Ag Services, MSCD, U of MD-Extension-UME and USDA Agricultural Research Service-ARS may be partnering on a Listening Session December 3, 2013 3:00-5:00 pm for High Tunnels and Greenhouses-Montgomery, Frederick and Howard Counties.
10. Community Meeting-MNCPPC-Seneca Store (Formerly Poole's Store) December 3, 2013 @ 7:00pm (See Attachment E.)
11. County Council Public Hearing-Clarksburg Limited Master Plan Amendment-Ten Mile Creek Water Shed-December 3 and 5, 2013 @ 7:30 pm. (See Attachment F.)
12. New Appointments to the AAC- (See Attachment G.)
13. The Next Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2013.

We will discuss the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee-RRAC-Please review the Draft Programs Guidelines and representatives from the RRAC will be attending our meeting to answer questions that you have. (See Attachment H.)

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Grand Opening-Rock Hill Orchard-Woodbourne Creamery-November 18, 2013@11:30
Agricultural Advisory Committee-November 19, 2013 @ 7:00 pm
High Tunnel Listening Session-December 3, 2013-3:00-5:00pm
Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors-December 3, 2013@7:00pm
County Council Public Hearing-Clarksburg Limited Master Plan Amendment-December 3, 2013
Community Meeting-Seneca Store (Formerly Poole's Store)-December 3, 2013@7:00pm
Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-December 10, 2013@7:30pm
Montgomery Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisor-December 13, 2013@9:00am
Agricultural Advisory Committee-December 17, 2013 @ 7:00 pm